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| In re Application of | : | OFFICE OF PETITIONS |
| Ikeda | : | |
| Application No. 09/977,701 | : | ON PETITION |
| Filed: October 16, 2001 | : | |
| Attorney Docket No. 03500.015877 | : | |

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed August 26, 2005, to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The petition is **granted**.

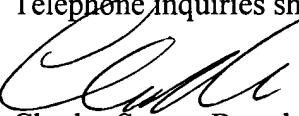
The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed December 15, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned at midnight on March 15, 2005.

Petitioner contends and has established the Office action was never received.

The December 15, 2004 Office Action is vacated and will be remailed and the time period for reply will be set from the mailing date thereof.

Technology Center 2646 will be informed of the instant decision so that the examiner can mail a new copy of the non-final Office action setting a new time period to respond.

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